

January 25, 2006

Dear Recreation Participants:

On January 1, 2006 a new park and recreation policy was added by the Village of Los Lunas Parks and Recreation staff to its Rules and Regulations. The staff wants to make all Community Recreation Facilities and Playing Fields tobacco-free zones because, in the Village of Los Lunas children spend much of their time outside of school at community-based recreation facilities.

The Village of Los Lunas Parks and Recreation Department supports Tobacco-Free Zones, particularly during youth recreation activities. Tobacco use at recreation facilities is inconsistent with the healthy, safe recreational activities that our community recreation programs provide. We do not want our children to perceive tobacco use as a part of normal, healthy adult life. The Tobacco-Free policy will help us to provide our children with a clear, consistent message that tobacco has no place in or alongside the healthy, safe recreational activities our community recreation programs provide. In addition we support the New Mexico State Laws in the age requirement on purchasing and use of tobacco products.

In consideration for the youth of tomorrow please respect this new policy.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Jaramillo
Director of Parks and Recreation

Tobacco Free Zone

In The Village of Los Lunas Parks and Recreation Department



The implementation of tobacco-free parks in areas where children play allows for the creation of a healthy and positive environment for children.

Tobacco-free zones are limited to playgrounds, park structures, skate parks, and sports fields. The ban uses community policing, meaning signs are posted and it is up to park users to obey the signs.

Tobacco-free zones in parks where children play are a positive step towards increasing healthy social norms within a community. The implementation of tobacco-free zones would not only heighten the appeal of our parks, but also would assist in the reduction of the number of current smokers and protect our youth from the dangers of tobacco by providing a safe and healthy environment.

Call Los Lunas Parks and Recreation for more information at 352-3584